

**'A PASSING CLOUD'**  
By MRS. LIZZIE M. PEABODY.

From among her many suitors Merry Dayton had chosen Judd Bentley, an honest, capable and dependable young farmer, and they were very happy as together they came one afternoon in October, when the woodland trees were a blaze of color, to the homestead farm, where they were to live after their wedding in the spring, and began clearing the grounds by pulling up cornstalks, squash vines and tall weeds and placing them with other unsightly rubbish in piles ready for the torch. Merry loved the old place, and after tugging at the last huge cornstalk and placing it with the others she looked about the fields and then said thoughtfully: "Judd, do you know that to me the homestead farm, with its fine old trees and its glimpses of the shining, ever-moving river, is the prettiest spot in all the world?"

He straightened up from his work to look at her, and with clever mimicry, his dark eyes twinkling roguishly, cried: "Merry, do you know that to me, you with your pink cheeks, blue eyes and the little yellow rings clustering about your temple, are the prettiest girl in all the world?"

Merry's happy laugh was contagious, for Judd laughed, and a little bird faintly swaying on a near-by bush burst into a shower of melody. Soon after they started for home, and at Merry's gate Judd said good-by, as he was to start on a business trip which would keep him away for a week.

On the evening he was expected home, long before he came in sight, Merry sat at the window watching behind the curtains and smilingly waited at the open door as he came up the gravelled path, but the gay wave of the hand, the bright smile, and the happy, eager look in his eyes to which she was accustomed were missing. His greeting appeared to be forced and anxiously she asked, "Are you ill?" "No," he replied, but conversation lagged and she was still regarding him with puzzled eyes when he abruptly asked, "Where is your engagement ring, Merry?" In his eyes appeared to be smoldering sparks and in his voice a tone which was strange to her. Glancing at her ringless hands, her face reddened, but she answered quietly, "I cannot tell you." "Cannot or will not?" he queried. "Cannot," she repeated evenly. His eyes, smoldering no longer, were ablaze with anger, as he said hoarsely: "Then I'll tell you!" "Ray Collins has it and today he told me that he had taken it from your finger with your consent. Is it so?" His eyes begged her to deny it, but mastering herself with an effort which made both face and lips white she said calmly, "You have made a statement which you evidently believe to be true, but you are very angry. Let us talk about it at another time." "Let us talk now," he said protestingly. "Tonight I go away again for a few days." "I cannot talk now," she said, "and in a few days the matter may adjust itself." "Very well," he said quietly, "expect me next Wednesday." And soon after he went away.

"I have never given him reason to believe such a thing of me," Merry sobbed, "and how could he speak so angrily to me?" But soon she said softly and hopefully, "I will search again for the ring. All may yet be well."

Trying days passed, but Wednesday afternoon found Merry at the window, both longing for and dreading Judd's coming. Again she was surprised; for he came up the path with springing step and smiling face, and caught her in his arms. "Judd!" she exclaimed joyfully, "you have found out the truth about the ring?"

"Wrong!" he cried with smiling indifference. "I haven't seen or heard of it since I saw you, but I have been thinking, and I know you are not the sort of a girl who would do a thing like that."

"I hoped you would say that," Merry said happily, "and now I will tell you what I can about the ring."

"Not unless you choose," he quickly interrupted. "For you and me the affair is settled, but I shall soon see Ray," he added grimly.

"The evening you went away," she began, "I finished doing some canning and preserving I had begun, and I had put away the jars and carried out the fruit and vegetable waste before I missed my ring. Since then I have searched everywhere without finding it. Ray's sister must have told him of my loss, and, although I did not think of it while you were here, the greater part of his story is probably true."

He looked at her inquiringly, and, blushing, she continued:

"Ray once brought a ring to me, and slipped it on my finger, while he proposed, but I refused, and asked him to remove it. It was very nearly, or perhaps exactly like the one you afterward gave me."

Judd broke the silence by saying: "You will never forgive me."

"Yes I will," she returned cheerily, "and now let us go to the homestead farm. We are always happy there."

Having arrived, they set fire to the rubbish pile, and in the furrow from which Merry had pulled the last huge stalk, they found the glistening ring.

Judd caught it and placed it on her finger. "I have been all kinds of a fool," he declared. "If ever I cut up like that again, just hold up that finger."

"'Twas but a passing cloud. Let us forget it and enjoy the sunshine," Merry said.

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**Hair Tonic His Undoing.**  
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**FORMER ALLIANCE BOY WEDS A MONTANA MISS**

After Returning from Overseas, Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Boon Marries the Girl of His Choice.

(Crowded Out Last Week.)  
A recent number of the Somers (Mont.) Daily Tri-Lake contained a news item that will interest many readers of The Herald because it relates to former Alliance people, Clarence Boon and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Boon, who still have a large circle of acquaintances and friends in and about this city.

Following is the item as it appeared in the Somers paper:

**Anderson-Boon Wedding.**  
On Saturday evening, May 24, at the home of the bride in Somers, a large company of relatives and friends gathered to witness the ceremony which made Clarence Boon and Miss Albina Anderson husband and wife. The wedding was the culmination of several years of romantic courtship, broken only by the departure of the groom, more than a year ago, for the war and France, where he gave a "good account of himself, returning to this country last March. The happy event taking place in lilac time, the home was decorated with these fragrant flowers, making a fitting setting for the beautiful bride, superbly gowned in white satin.

The marriage service of the Methodist Episcopal church was read by the pastor, Rev. F. E. Dodds. After the ceremony and congratulations, a bountiful dinner was served by the grandmother of the bride. The gifts to the bride and groom were many and useful, showing the esteem in which they are held.

On Sunday, May 26, friends and relatives to the number of fifty enjoyed the hospitality of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Boon, at a chicken dinner and reception to the newly weds at their cozy ranch home. The young people will make their home on the ranch, two miles west of Somers.

**BANK INCREASES ITS CAPITAL TO FIFTY THOUSAND**

**HEMINGFORD FINANCIAL HOUSE MAKING SPLENDID GROWTH AND BRANCHING OUT.**

Reorganization Enables Institution to Render Still Greater Service to Community and Patrons.

The First State Bank, Hemingford, Nebr., have increased their working capital to \$50,000 on June 1st. Mr. James Barry becomes Chairman of the Board of Directors and K. L. Pierce, who has been Cashier for eighteen years, has been elected President.

Mr. M. R. Swanson who before the war was for 5 years Assistant Cashier of the Fidelity National Bank of Anraro, Nebr., has been elected Cashier. Mr. Swanson was in the service for fifteen months, nine and one-half months of which he spent in active service in France. He has just been discharged and the First State Bank has been waiting to secure his services for some time.

In connection with this change of officers, a portion of Mr. G. L. Taylor's interest in the bank has been sold to the Marvels, who own very strong banking institutions at Hastings and other points in Eastern Nebraska. These banks desire outlets for their money, as the local demand with them is not sufficient, and it makes an ideal connection for the First State Bank to line up with these people, assuring all borrowers all deserved accommodations and materially adding to the usefulness of the bank.

Mr. J. S. Marvel has been elected Vice President and the Board of Directors will now consist of James Barry, Chairman; K. L. Pierce, William Delsing, C. T. Davison, J. S. Marvel, T. A. Green, J. A. Reiman and J. W. Marvel. K. L. Pierce, the new President, will devote a part of his time to the bank and part to his farm and ranch interests and to the firms and companies which he controls.

The increase in capital will enable this institution to make loans direct up to \$10,000, and through their stock holders and other connections they can handle loans for any amount. This bank has built up from \$5,000 capital in 1901 to \$50,000 capital at this time, besides a very comfortable undivided profit account. Their total resources aggregate over \$650,000 and they expect to materially increase their business, having placed their mark in the near future at the million dollar class.

The institution for the most part is owned and controlled by Box Butte county people and its policy will be to increase its capital from time to time, and it is planned a little later on we will erect a modern bank and office building on its present location.

**How to Capture Beaver.**  
As compared with the otter or mink, the beaver is a very slow swimmer. His front legs hang by his side, and he uses only his webbed hind feet for purposes of swimming. It is easy to capture one in a canoe if you can find him in shallow water. He is a most determined fighter, but clumsy and easy to handle. If he could get hold of you with his teeth he would almost take a leg off, so you need to watch him sharply. The way to seize him is by the tail.

**Taboo.**  
When anything is forbidden, or its exclusion has been ordered. English-speaking people sometimes say it is "taboo." The word is derived from an institution once common throughout Polynesia and New Zealand. It signifies something set apart or prohibited, because of its being either sacred or accursed. This has given rise to the use and significance of the word in English.

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